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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Like many others in the high technology business, I have sometimes found Microsoft's business dealings a bit protective and overzealous. However, I am not sure that this attitude should have ever warranted the strong-arm government intervention of the kind that we have seen over this federal lawsuit against Microsoft. Of course, one of the greatest fears in the IT community has been a back-of-the-mind fear that if the government's case against Microsoft had succeeded with the enthusiasm once considered, that other companies within the IT community would soon find themselves subsequent targets, as well.

Now that a reasonable settlement has been reached, it is my hope that it will be upheld through the review process, and that we can all get on with the obviously more important issues facing the nation this new year.

I am writing this letter to voice my support for the settlement. I hope that others will follow. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dana Gargano

President